

Amendments to the Drawings:

Attached hereto are nine (9) replacement sheets of drawings, which include amended Figs. 1a, 1bI-1bIII, 1f1, 2, 3a, 4a, and 6b. No new matter has been added.

Attachment: Nine (9) Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled, without prejudice. New claims 3 to 6 have been added and are pending for examination. The amendments made do not add new matter to the application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), the Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without the claims) contains no new matter. The amendments reflected in the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) are to conform the Specification and Abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules or to correct informalities. As required by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)(3)(iii) and 1.125(b)(2), a Marked Up Version of the Substitute Specification comparing the Specification of record and the Substitute Specification also accompanies this Preliminary Amendment. Approval and entry of the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) is respectfully requested.

The amendments reflected in the Replacement Sheets of Drawings are to correct informalities. Approval and entry of the amendments to the Drawings are respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the present invention is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of these claims is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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